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Disability Commission Minutes 08/18/04

ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2004

Members Present: Barbara Jones, Barbara Cutler, Joe Giurleo, Tom Boudreau

Members Absent: Lin Baker, Kevin O'Brien, Louis Krodel

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Others Present: Paolo Marinelli

Meeting Minutes June 16, 2004:

Approval of the June 16, 2004 Meeting Minutes was tabled until the September 15, 2004 Meeting.

Peirce School Site Survey:

Jack said that Bruce Bruneau, Project Coordinator Massachusetts Office on Disability, has given DRA Architects until August 20, 2004 to develop a written timeline as to how DRA will comply with all AAB Rules and Regulations at the Peirce School. Stefan Chaires, Project Manager DRA Architects, said that DRA has contracted with Kessler & McGuiness, a consulting firm on Accessibility Issues, to review and make recommendations regarding AAB non-compliance issues cited by Bruce Bruneau on his site survey report conducted on June 22, 2004 at the Peirce School.

Barbara C. said that as Chairperson of the Commission she intends to contact Stefan Chaires in order to express the concern of the Commission regarding the items documented by Bruce Bruneau.

Paolo suggested that the Commission invite John Cole, Chairman of the Town Permanent Building Committee to a meeting this Fall to discuss concerns regarding the School Rebuilding Process. Paolo also suggested that the Town Manager or a Member of the Board of Selectmen be invited to a Commission Meeting. Barbara C. said that she would contact Marie Krepelka, Executive Secretary of the Board of Selectmen, about including the Disability Commission on the Selectmen's Agenda for an up coming meeting. Barbara said that the Selectmen need to know that the last two School Buildings constructed have not fully meet all the requirements of the AAB.

Barbara requested Jack to prepare a list of all Town Department Heads for the next Commission Meeting.

Town Day:

Jack said that the Disability Commission has requested a both for Town Day that will be held on September 11, 2004. Jack said that Uncle Sam Writing Pads have been selected as the Disability Commission's Promotional Item for Town Day.

Curb Cut:

Jack said that a contractor has been selected and will begin work along Mass. Ave. within the next month.

Legislative Update:

Barbara C. said that she had no new legislative business to report this month.

Other Business:

Paolo said that the Cambridge Pedestrian Committee discussed at a recent meeting the 120' crossing at the MBTA Alewife Station. Paolo said that further discussion of this pedestrian crossing would be held this fall.

Barbra J. expressed concern regarding overgrown landscaping between Academy St. and Library Way. Jack said that he would contact the John Sanchez, Director of Public Works, regarding this issue.

Paolo expressed concern regarding outreach from the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to the Disability Commission. Barbara C. requested that the Disability Commission receive copies of the TAC Meeting Minutes. Paolo said that the TAC meets on the last Tuesday of each month.

Tom discussed the Town of Burlington's Handicapped Parking Policy. Tom said that in Burlington the Burlington Commission uses revenue from Handicapped parking for accessibility improvements.

Jack said the fine for unauthorized parking in a handicapped parking space would increase in Arlington on September 1, 2004 from \$100.00 to \$200.00.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.